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CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 2015

REORGANIZATION MEETING - 7:00 PM
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk, Carie Crone at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – Dr. Frank Blee, Absecon resident

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW – Carie

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING - Carie

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Jim Vizthum, Councilperson, Ward 1 was sworn in by Frank Blee, Sr.

Kim Horton, Councilperson, Ward 2 was sworn in by Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cain, Camp, Horton, Phillips, Ring Vizthum, Seher

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Armstrong; Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Nomination for Chris Seher was made by Councilwoman Cain – seconded by Councilman Camp

No other nominations. Nominations were then closed.

Roll Call: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

Chris was sworn in by Mayor John Armstrong

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Nomination for Don Camp was made by Councilwoman Cain – seconded by Councilwoman Horton

No other nominations. Nominations were then closed.

Roll Call: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

Don was sworn in by Lynn Caterson

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS BY RESOLUTION – 2015

- 01** Appointing a Municipal Judge namely, John Rosenberger, Esq.

Motion to move resolution – Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilwoman Horton
Mayor – explained why he is suggesting the appointment of a new Municipal Court Judge and gave some background information on the appointment. It's not reflecting negatively upon the current Court Judge. During the year, he's learned that during his tenure and his living and practice in town, there were many cases he had to step down due to personal or professional conflicts. This involves additional expenses, so that is why he is suggesting the change of the Court Judge.

Roll Call: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, no; Ring, no; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – FOR THE YEAR 2015

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 02** Authorizing the annual schedule of Regular Meetings of Absecon City Council for the calendar year 2015.
- 03** Confirming meetings of City Committees, Commissions and Boards for the year 2015.
- 04** Awarding a contract for professional services for a City Auditor.
Ford, Scott, and Associates, LLC.
- 05** Awarding a contract for professional services of a City Attorney.
Timothy P. Maguire, Attorney at Law
- 06** Awarding a contract for professional services for a Labor Attorney.
Stephen Barse, Counselor at Law.
- 07** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a Public Defender.
James P. Swift, Esq.
- 08** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services for a Municipal Prosecutor.
Kristopher Facenda, Esq.

- 09** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a City Planner.
Stuart Wiser, Remington, Vernick & Walberg, Engineers
- 10** Awarding a non-competitive contract for professional services of a Bond Counsel.
Ronald Ianoale, Esq.
- 11** Awarding a contract for professional services for a City Engineer.
Edward Dennis, Jr., Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers.
- 12** Appointing an Authorized Agent for the sale of City owned land.
Jessica Thompson, CFO/Administrator
- 13** Authorizing the Tax Assessor as the Agent in Adjustment appeals to reduce assessments.
- 14** Designating the Interest and Penalty rate on unpaid taxes.
- 15** Designating the official newspapers.
- 16** Adopting the Cash Management Plan of the City of Absecon.
- 17** Establishing the 2015 Temporary Budget for Current Fund and Sewer Utility Fund.
- 18** Appointing a Risk Management Consultant for the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund.
Michael F. Thomas, Glenn Insurance
- 19** Appointing a Fund Commissioner for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Fund.
John Armstrong, Mayor
- 20** Appointing an Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.
Jessica Thompson, CFO/Administrator
- 21** Appointing a Safety Coordinator for the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund.
Lt. John DeRitis
- 22** Appointing a Councilperson to the Planning Board.
Kim Horton, 1 year

- 23 Re-appointing members to the Zoning Board.
James Bonek
Steve Baltera
Joe Polisano
- 24 Appointing a Mercantile License Clerk.
Carie A. Crone, RMC
- 25 Appointing a Lien Clerk for the City of Absecon.
Agnes Bambrick, CTC
- 26 Ensuring Time Capsule to be opened in the year 2052.
- 27 Appointing a Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.
Jessica A. Snyder
- 28 Appointing an Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.
Tina M. Lawler
- 29 Consenting to the Mayor's appointment of Jessica Thompson as City Administrator and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Employment Agreement between the City of Absecon and Jessica Thompson to serve in that capacity.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilman Camp
Roll Call: Cain, yes; Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes;
Seher, yes

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS was given by Mayor, John Armstrong

COMMENTS

Sandy – congratulated Jim and Kim and she looks forward to working with everyone again this year

Don – thanked Council for voting him Council Pro Tem. Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Spoke about the tax rate for the city this year.

Jim – congratulated Kim and all the offices appointed and Greg for throwing his hat in the ring and running this year. Thanked the people in the First Ward for having faith in him. Thanked his family for all their support.

Frank – Happy New Year and congratulations to Jim and Kim.

Kim – thanked the residents for their support again, the Mayor, Sandy, Pete Elco and her mother for campaigning. She also thanked Greg for putting himself out there; as well as Jim Grimley for a clean campaign. She looks forward to working again with everyone. She thanked the employees for their contributions as well.

Mike – Happy New Year and congratulations to Kim and Jim and welcomed them back and all the others elected and appointed. He learned a lot his first year and still has a lot to learn. Told the residents he is always there for questions or concerns. The Community Affairs committee will meet Feb. 5th at 5:00 p.m. Thanked all the volunteers and his fellow firefighters for all their work for their work.

Jessica Thompson – Happy New Year to everybody

Chris – welcomed back Jim and Kim and thanked the council members for their support for voting him in as Council President again. He will try to keep the public as informed to the best of his ability.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Ring – second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor. No public comments.

Motion to close – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Chris – invited everyone to the Black Cat

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Ring – second – Councilman Phillips

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, City Clerk